

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-3, 6-12 and 14-34 and 36 are pending.

Claims 1-3, 6-12 and 14-34 stand rejected.

Claim 36 is indicated to be allowable if properly rewritten into independent form.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 10 and 15 have been amended and claims 18-27, 29-30, 32-33 and 36 have been cancelled without prejudice. More particularly, the subject matter of allowable claim 36 has been incorporated into claim 1 (and claims 7, 10 and 15 similarly) to render claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-17, 28, 31 and 34 allowable.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 6-12 and 14-34 Under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, at page 3, claims 1-3, 6-12 and 14-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Son et al. (US Patent Publication No. 2003/0189892, hereafter referred to as Son).

Claims 18-27, 29-30 and 32-33

Claims 18-27, 29-30 and 32-33 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims is now moot.

Claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-17, 28, 31 and 34

The subject matter of allowable claim 36 has been incorporated into claim 1 (and claims 7, 10 and 15 similarly). Applicant submits that claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-17, 28, 31 and 34 are now allowable for at least the subject matter of allowable claim 36.

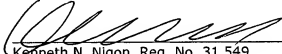
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Conclusion

In view of the claim amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

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